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Traumatic Attachments: Intergenerational Trauma, Dissociation and the Analytic Relationship

Location: Wyndham Garden Providence

220 India Street

Providence, RI 02903

8:30 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast

Lecture Starts: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Brief Abstract

This program introduces the concept of “traumatic attachments,” as one possible means by which trauma is transmitted from one generation to the next. A clinical example is presented illustrating how intergenerational traumas in the families of both the patient and the analyst figured importantly in shaping the analytic relationship.

Brief Biography

Doris Brothers, a psychologist/psychoanalyst, is a co-founder of the Training and Research in Intersubjective Self Psychology Foundation (TRISP). She is co-editor of the International Journal of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology and chief editor of eForum, the online newsletter of IAPSP. Her latest book is: *Toward a Psychology of Uncertainty: Trauma-Centered Psychoanalysis* .

Learning Objectives

After this intermediate/advanced presentation, participants will be able to:

- Explain how the concept of traumatic attachments explains the intergenerational transmission of trauma.
- Discuss the role dissociation plays in the intergenerational transmission of trauma.
- Analyze how traumas in families of both analyst and patient shape the analytic relationship.

References

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Continuing Education: 3 Credits

Level of Difficulty: Intermediate/Advanced

